


Rapid Evaluation & Appropriate Placement (REAP)	Family Support Heroin Opiate Prevention Engagement Project (H.O.P.E.)	Community Education	Provider Education & Policy Reform	Hospitals & Emergency Departments	Naloxone Access	Treatment Providers
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Mission:

To provide a framework for organizations and individuals from across the opiate overdose continuum to collaborate, develop, and share best practices to provide for timely sharing of information.



24 Hour Addiction Hotline
716-831-7007

Executive Order #014

The Task Force

- Establishment of an Opioid Epidemic Task Force
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, Erie County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Erie County's Charter Sections 301 and 302, do hereby declare a public health crisis related to the opioid epidemic exists in Erie County and do hereby order as follows:
- The creation of an Opioid Epidemic Task Force to be headed by the Commissioners of Health and Mental Health.

January 19,
2016



REAP



**Successes and challenges of the
past calendar year**

REAP



Successes

- 13 police departments volunteered to participate
- 100 “Angels” recruited and trained as support persons for those that may present at local PDs to access treatment

Participating Law Enforcement

- AMHERST
 - BUFFALO
 - CHEEKTOWAGA
 - DEPEW
 - EAST AURORA
 - ERIE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - EVANS
 - GRAND ISLAND
 - TOWN OF HAMBURG
 - LANCASTER
 - NIAGARA FALLS
 - NFTA (NIAGARA FRONTIER
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY)
 - ORCHARD PARK
 - TOWN OF TONAWANDA
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FAQs

When can I enter the REAP Program?

The program is available
Monday–Friday from 7am–2pm

Can I bring someone with me?

Yes

What is an “Angel”?

Angels are trained volunteers who are there to support you

Why can't I go to any police station?

Not all police departments are participating in REAP

Do I need health insurance to enter REAP?

No – we will work to connect you to treatment even if you have no insurance

Where will I go for treatment?

We will look at local treatment agencies first, but if there are no openings, we will look in other areas of NY State

Can I bring in someone if they do not want treatment?

No – this is a voluntary program and all clients need to be ready to enter treatment

What happens after hours (2PM–7AM)?

The **Addictions Hotline**

(716) 831-7007 is available 24/7 and can connect you with treatment and support



**RAPID
EVALUATION
FOR
APPROPRIATE
PLACEMENT**



OPIATETASKFORCE@ERIE.GOV

ANGELS@BPDNY.ORG

What is REAP?

REAP is a revolutionary and collaborative law enforcement approach to the opiate epidemic.

REAP aims to get people with addictions the **help they need**, instead of arresting them and putting them in handcuffs.

- When a person addicted to opiates comes to a police department in REAP they will be assessed and **connected to treatment and services**
- Clients will be assessed for appropriateness for both in-patient and out-patient treatment
- Transportation to local facilities will be provided (if available)

Get Connected to Treatment

- Come to a REAP police department
Monday—Friday
7AM—2PM

- Call—

ADDICTIONS HOTLINE

(716) 831-7007

24 HOUR

SUPPORT • LINK TO TREATMENT • REFERRAL



At the Police Station

- When you are ready for treatment and support, come to a REAP police department
- Police will search you and confiscate drugs and drug paraphernalia — **you will not be charged or interrogated**
- If you have an outstanding warrant, you will be arrested
- People with prior convictions **can** participate in REAP
- You will talk to a counselor to be assessed for treatment
- An Angel volunteer will be assigned to support you while you wait to be linked to treatment
- You may be transported to another location for an in person assessment if needed

**You will be connected
to treatment and
support**



Erie County Opiate Epidemic *Task Force*



Do you want to make a difference?
Can you spare a few hours a month?

We need
ANGELS
to support people struggling with
opiate addiction who want treatment

REAP (Rapid Evaluation for Appropriate Placement)

- When a person addicted to opiates comes to a participating police station and asks for help with their addiction, they will get the help they need
- While we work to link them to treatment, an **Angel will be dispatched to support them at the police station**

Process to become an Angel

- Apply and tell us why you are interested
- Civil and criminal background check
- Confidentiality pledge
- Attend a 6-8 hour mandatory training

Angels role

- Be a support person
- Be a companion during the wait at police department
- Will NOT have any contact with client after that day
- Will NOT provide any ongoing support

For more information on applying to become an Angel:

VISIT [HTTP://BIT.LY/REAP-ANGELS](http://bit.ly/reap-angels)

EMAIL ANGELS@BPDNY.ORG

REAP



Challenges

- Building community trust
- Volunteer opportunities for Angels
- Increasing use of police station access to treatment

Family and Consumer Support and Advocacy Group 2016

- March 6 Black Balloon Day
- April 30 Walk for Awareness
- May 21 Walk for Hope
- July 18 Butterfly Release
- August Erie County Fair
- August 20 Canalside Candlelight Memorial
- August 31 International Overdose Awareness
- September 18 Fed Up Rally
- December 21 Tree of Remembrance and Hope



Black Balloon Day March 6, 2016

"The victims of opiate addiction will be paid tribute through the display of black balloons outside the entrance to County Hall, representing our collective community front door. We hope to increase the awareness of the daily struggles faced by members of our community who suffered the loss of a loved one, and those who are still battling, working tirelessly to help their loved one manage their addiction"

Educate the Public



Black Balloon Day With the West Side Youth Coalition



Many Drug Drop Off Days in Erie County

Would You Notice...

...If Your Prescription Drugs Were Missing?

Provenance Welcome!
GET RID OF UNNECESSARY DRUGS!

MONITOR
Prescription drugs in your home

DECLINE
Prescriptions in a locked storage area

DISPOSE
Of unwanted prescription drugs

Drive-Through
No Questions Asked
Prescription & Over the Counter Drugs Accepted

DEP

Erie County Department of Health
Public Health

DRUG DROP-OFF
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 10 AM—6 PM
ERIE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING & OPERATIONS CENTER
3359 BRADWAY, CHESTOWN 14227



Awareness Walk

April 30, 2016 Buffalo State



Awareness/Remembrance Walk for Hope May 21



- South Buffalo
- Saturday, May 21, 2016
- Friends and family members from South Buffalo and the entire Buffalo/Niagara region joined for the first annual South Buffalo Awareness/Remembrance Walk for Hope at Cazenovia Park. The event, was hosted for those who have lost loved ones too soon (for any reason) to walk and remember them in their own way.

For Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones Too Soon



Breaking the Stigma: Remembering Our Boys



Narcan Train the Trainer

July 5, 2016



Gloria Pagan and Trina Wasylenko trained workers from the
[Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network](#).



Legislative Hearing for Hotline





New hotline and police stations help connect addicts to treatment - The Bu...
buffalonews.com

Hotline 831-7007

Crisis Services has released the start date of their newly created and heavily anticipated Addiction Hotline. The 24-hour hotline will go live on Monday August 1st at 8:00 am. The hotline number is 831-7007. The goal of the county-wide hotline is to provide those in the community a point of access for information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.

Lake Side
Memorial
July 18



Butterfly Release

Narcan Training at the Genesis Center August 2016



Erie County Fair August 2016





OPIOID VIGIL

Canalside August 20, 2016



"We have buried our dead and are saying 'Enough.' The only way to save lives is to increase awareness."



Candlelight Memorial

Community
members
gathered at
Canalside holding
candles, holding
pictures and
holding out hope.

Sunday,
August 21
Buffalo News



August 31, 2016 International Overdose Awareness Day Tree Planting



A Tree to Thank Our First Responders



September 18, 2016 Peace Bridge



Fed Up Rally September 18



Tree of
Remembrance
and Hope
December 21, 2016





A Time to Heal with Support



Medical Provider Successes

- Buprenorphine trainings
- Primary care pain management trainings
- Local pain management guidelines adopted!!!
- Tower grant to support education and trainings
- Recommendations to NYS Heroin Task Force on prescribing guidelines
- Local, state and federal speaking engagements to educate peers

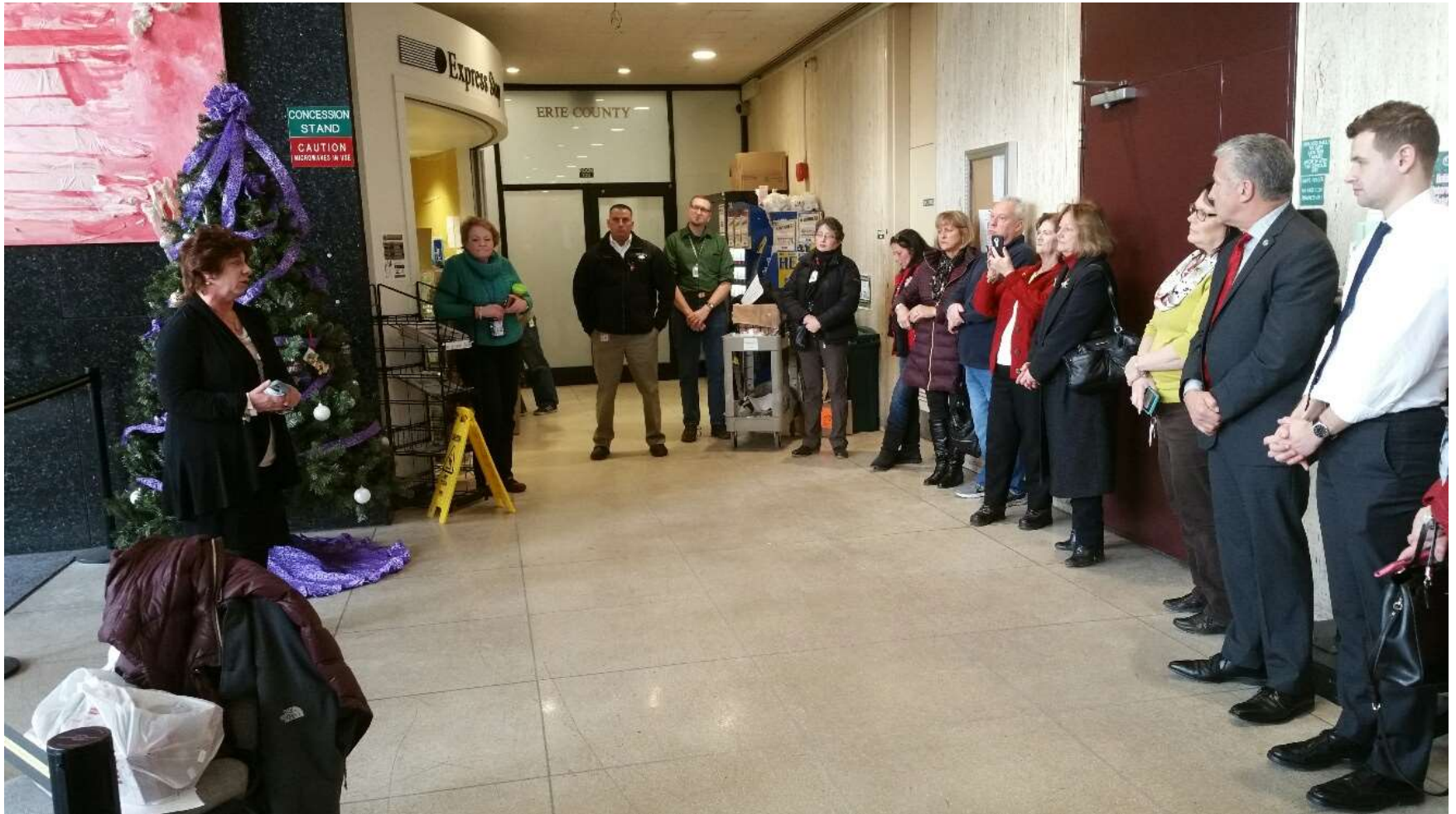
Lawsuit Against Pharmaceutical Companies Announced



Hope for the Future



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Peer Clubhouse Opening



The Hotline!



Aug 1, 2016 Task Force Meeting



No More...



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Daniel Fletcher, 30



Daniel Witek



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Jemal cuts wide swath in world of real estate

D.C. developer relishes 'challenge' of One Seneca

By JONATHAN D. EPSTEIN

NEWS BUSINESS REPORTER

To hear Washington's business and real estate leaders talk, Buffalo just hit the lottery jackpot when developer Douglas Jemal decided to buy One Seneca Tower.

They say Buffalo is very lucky to land someone as determined, focused and creative to redevelop the city's tallest building. Just look at his track record in Washington as proof of what he is capable of doing in Buffalo, they say.

To hear his critics and Buffalo skeptics, however, Jemal is just another hard-nosed out-of-towner with a reputation for sitting on properties — and with a nine-year-old felony conviction for fraud to boot.

They predict he won't follow through and won't play well with contractors. They note his brothers' troubles in New York City, where the family owned retailer Nobody Beats the Wiz. And they cite Buffalo's long history of bad experience with fly-by-night real estate investors.

So which is it?

Depends who you ask, and what you believe. But there's truth to both.

Jemal, 73, is the founder and CEO of Douglas Development Corp., the second-largest commercial real estate developer in the nation's capital, and one of the